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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:             | ) |                         |
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| Takafumi SUZUKI                   | ) | Confirmation No.: 1415  |
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| Application No.: 10/617,139       | ) | Art Unit: 3682          |
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| Filed: July 11, 2003              | ) | Examiner: J. Pilkington |
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| For: LEVER APPARATUS FOR VEHICLES | ) | <b>MAIL STOP RCE</b>    |

Commissioner for Patents  
**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 12, 2007, the period for response to which extends through July 12, 2007, with the attached petition for a one-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows.